Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

1 through 13 (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A method of obtaining images and a status of a camera, the method comprising:

sending a new image, if the new image is different from an old image; and sending a heartbeat, if the new image is not different from the old image, wherein the new image is sent periodically at a first rate, and the heartbeat is sent periodically at a second rate.

- 15. (cancelled)
- 16. (currently amended) The method of claim 1514, wherein the heartbeat is sent only if a series of new images were the same as the old images.
 - 17. (cancelled)
- 18. (currently amended) The method of claim 4721, further comprising resetting the second timer when the new image is sent.
 - 19. (cancelled)
 - 20. (cancelled)



21. (new) A method of obtaining images and a status of a camera, the method comprising:

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sending a new image, if the new image is different from an old image; sending a heartbeat, if the new image is not different from the old image; using a first timer to periodically send the new images; and using a second timer, to send the heartbeat, if no new images were sent within a period.